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September 11, 2015

Justin Strickland Chair

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Frin McCaskill

Mr. Tom Wheeler, Chairman Vice Chair

Federal Communications Commission

Harold Wray Secretary

445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Donny Burkett Treasurer

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Thad Westbrook

Immediate Past Chair

Michael J. Biediger

President/CEO

I am writing in support of the merger of Time Warner Cable, Charter Communications, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. This new cable broadband company would help our community and other similar communities gain access to better cable

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technology and faster access to the internet. By fully digitizing its network, New Charter would create faster broadband speeds. While Charter is almost 100% digital today, New Charter would help digitize Time Warner Cable and Bright House systems. New Charter has also committed to build out one million line extensions into residential areas and invest at least \$2.5 billion into

commercial areas. Better access to high speed internet would have a positive impact on the health care community in our area. While often overlooked, the internet can be a critically important tool in health care. This is especially true during emergency situations when we need to quickly disseminate information to the public. Access to the internet can also be a great comfort to people when a loved one becomes ill, as they seek

to communicate with friends and family spread around the country.

I am also impressed by New Charter's commitment to community service. Time Warner Cable has been actively involved with our Foundation and it is our hope that New Charter will continue that cooperative effort. Our understanding is that New Charter will expand Charter's "Charter Our Community" program and rehabilitate 25,000 unsafe and unhealthy homes by 2020. These homes are usually owned by people who lack the health or resources to make their home habitable. It is great to see a company take an interest in this frequently overlooked problem.

Access to the internet and safe homes shouldn't depend on the region of the country where you live. New Charter understands that, and this merger deserves our support.

Sincerely.

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